

THE GAZETTE.

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 31.

HEBREW ROOTS AND PERSIMMONS.—Query: Is there anything in the study of Hebrew roots as a specialty in life that affects the person so engaged? We recall the idiosyncrasy of Rev. Professor Packard, of "the School of the Prophets," the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in Virginia. He had but just come from New England, and had never before seen the persimmon grow. Those acquainted with this singular fruit know well that it attains a light orange color some time before it is ripe, and that at this time it is astringent to a degree. The doctor was taking a walk, and the glowing persimmons looked very tempting; he thought he must for the first time taste the fruit. Its effect upon the good man's mouth was very astringent, and he became convinced that he had been eating the apples of Sodom, or some other very poisonous thing. At this moment two other professors of the seminary fell in with the good man, and were made quite solicitous by his grimaces, which seemed to indicate that he had been swallowing by accident some of his own formidable roots. One ventured to ask—

"Doctor, what have you been taking?"

With manifest effort to untwist his badly puckered mouth, the professor ejaculated—

"Do-o-o! speak to me; but let me go home and die in the bosom of my family!"

It is painful to reflect that the incident was often made the occasion of merriment among the young theologues, and it is even said that one of them, having a slight symptom of stomach-ache, asked the president of the faculty for permission to go home. When further questioned why he desired to go home, he said that he had a bad pucker in his mouth and stomach, and, besides, didn't feel well, and would like to be allowed to die in the bosom of his family.

Of the complete discomfiture which befel the gravity of the president it is not possible to tell. —*Harper's Magazine.*

[The good and learned man, of whom the above story is told, is yet with us to laugh over the fabrication, if it is one, or to be amused at the reminiscence, if it be true.]

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AUCTION SALES.

POTOMAC LANDS FOR SALE.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned, commissioners, appointed under a decree of the County Court of King George county, entered at the March term thereof, 1873, in the chancery cause of *John D. Brocton vs. Grymes, adm'r et al.*, will offer for sale, at public auction, in front of the Court House of King George county, on THURSDAY, May 1st, 1873, that being Court day, TWO of the most desirable TRACTS OF LAND offered for sale in this county, since the war—the one known as "FAIR HAVEN," and the other as "BEELE VIEW."

Fair Haven contains 137 acres of land, is well wooded and watered, and is located immediately on the banks of the Potomac river, about one mile from Mathias Point wharf, and about one mile below Washington city. The soil is good, and admirably adapted to the production of fruits, vegetables, &c. Buildings on Fair Haven ordinary, and water good and abundant.

Beele View contains about 687 acres of land, all level, well wooded, and with an abundant supply of water. It is located immediately on the banks of the Potomac river, and is consequently of easy access to Baltimore, Alexandria and Washington. There is a small, but new and well adapted building, situated within thirty feet of the bank of the river. The water view from the house is one of the finest on the river. The soil is kind and well adapted to the production of fruits and vegetables. Both of either of these places can be purchased at a great sacrifice.

Terms: Three hundred and fifty dollars cash; the residue in one, two and three years; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

For further information apply to the Commissioners, J. L. LAMSON,

Common Pleas, Virginia, or

R. B. LEWIS,

Oak Grove Postoffice, Virginia.

King George county, mh 24-eod2f

SALE OF VALUABLE VIRGINIA LANDS.

By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Loudoun, made in the chancery suit of *Hopkins, Lull & Co. vs. Berkeley*, the undersigned, commissioners, will offer at public auction, in front of the Court House, in Leesburg, Loudoun county, Va., on MONDAY, March 17th, 1873, the following REAL ESTATE, viz:

A VALUABLE TRACT OF TIMBER LAND, containing 408 acres, in Potomac county, adjoining the lands of Edmund Berkeley, Ewell, Bayley and others, about six miles from Thoroughfare station, on the O. & A. & M. R. R., and four miles from Aldie, on the Piedmont and Potomac Railroad—over five hundred acres of easy grade. This land is heavily timbered with chestnut, hickory and oak, and is upon a level of rich iron ore, running through its entire length.

Also the ONE UNDIVIDED HALF of one of the most valuable and productive estates in Virginia, known as "GOOSE POND," lying on the south bank of the Potomac river, in the county of Loudoun, containing 1350 acres, of which about 950 is timber of original growth, and the rest productive, arable land, under cultivation. The timber consists of the varieties of oak, pine, walnut and hickory, and is considered by judges equal to any body of timber land in the State. An experienced timber merchant, who has been in the hickory alone, for spokes, at double its assessed value. The pine and oak furnish the finest masts and ship timber. The arable land has heretofore been cultivated by intelligent and liberal agriculturists, and until the late war, with extraordinary results. The war, with extraordinary neglect during the war, and the owners have not had the means since of restoring it to its former productiveness. Two hundred acres of this land have been cropped continuously for nearly a century, and will now produce from 50 to 60 bushels of corn to the acre. Marl is abundant on the place, and has been liberally applied. The Mattaponi is a beautiful stream; its navigation was obstructed during the war, but at a slight expense it can be made navigable for vessels of 100 tons to the landing on the estate. "Goose Pond" adjoins the famous Corbin estate, "The Reeds," and also "Hays," the justly celebrated estate of Major Wm. N. Berkeley, separated from "Goose Pond" only by the Mattaponi river. The other half of "Goose Pond" is held for sale by General E. A. Hutton, of Warrenton, who will unite in the sale of the whole tract.

"HAYS," containing 1650 acres, will be offered for sale at the same time, by B. P. Noland, Trustee, under a deed of trust from Maj. Berkeley. These two estates forming a compact body of about 3000 acres of splendid land, the most desirable in Loudoun County, Virginia, for a colony. The attention of capitalists, of agriculturists and dealers in timber and lumber is invited to these lands. None more desirable, in quality or price, are now in market.

Terms of Sale: So much of the purchase-money as is cash on the day of sale as will pay the costs of suit and expenses of sale; the residue upon a credit of one, two, three and four years, in equal instalments, bearing interest from the day of sale; the purchaser to execute his bonds for the deferred instalments, and the title to be retained until the purchase-money is paid.

MATTHEW HARRISON,

B. P. NOLAND,

POWELL HARRISON,

J. H. ALEXANDER,

Commissioners of Sale.

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BY AUTHORITY OF A DEED OF TRUST.

I dated the day of _____ and with the full consent of the said owner, Wm. N. Berkeley, I will offer, at the same time and place, and upon the same terms as the above, that splendid estate in King William county, known as "HAYS," containing 1650 acres, adjoining "Goose Pond," the Mattaponi river being the dividing line. The timber upon this tract is of the same quality as that on "Goose Pond," and the arable land of the same fertile character. It has been managed since the war better than Goose Pond, and is consequently now in better condition, and produces heavy crops of grain, tobacco and clover. The DWELLING HOUSE and out-buildings are complete and in good condition.

B. P. NOLAND, Trustee.

Loudoun county, Feb 17-18

The sale of the above property has been adjourned until TUESDAY, the 22d day of April, 1873, the second day of the Court of Loudoun.

By Green & Wise,

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AND FISHERY IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the city of Alexandria, Va., rendered at the November term, 1872, in the suits of *Newton vs. Newton* and others, and *Phillips vs. Phillips* and others, the undersigned, commissioners, appointed by said decree, will offer at public auction, in front of the Mansion House on Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th of April, 1873, at 10 o'clock, a TRACT OF LAND, situate in the county of Prince William, Virginia, on the Potomac river, containing about 852 acres, being the residue, after deducting the purchases of *Nagle, Musser and Opp*, respectively, of a larger tract known as *DEEP HOLE*, MOUNT PLEASANT and *THE FARM*, which was conveyed by Isaac Newton and wife and Samuel N. Garwood and wife, in trust, to Edward T. Tayloe and Presley Thornton Lomax, by deed, dated May 20th, 1854, recorded in the land records of Prince William county, Virginia.

This is a very valuable estate, and has on it a large quantity of excellent timber and a valuable FISHERY, known as "Deep Hole." Facilities to market are afforded by the Potomac river and the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad, which latter passes through the land. A plat and survey will be exhibited at the time and place of sale, and the tract will be sold entire, or divided into parcels as may seem to the commissioners most advisable.

Terms of Sale: Enough in cash to pay the costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal annual instalments, with interest from date the purchaser or purchasers, giving bonds with approved security, and the title to be retained to secure the deferred payments, and the land subject to be resold under decree in these suits at purchasers' risk, in case of a failure to comply with the terms of sale.

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